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I am disappointed in the Microsoft DOJ settlement. Regardless of the rule of law, Microsoft remains a monopoly. Capitalism, wonderful as it is, fails without competition. The best product for the best price will never be produced by a monopoly; it's not in their best interest. In the current marketplace, the only competition left is from the free software arena. Microsoft, in a roundabout way, acknowledges this through their constant nagging against free software.

The US thrives on information technology. Having a monopoly in this vital area is shortsighted and detrimental to the future of this country.